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TELECOM MESSAGES July 20-30

1. The following message was received at Darwin Outpost Radio on July 20 and sent to the CIET by Telecom Darwin :

The Suharto Government in flagrant contradiction of the United Nations Charter and the General Assembly and the Security Council resolution on East Timor have announced the forced integration of the Democratic Republic of East Timor into Indonesia. The Political Committee of Fretilin on behalf of the people of East Timor convened an extraordinary meeting where the following resolution was unanimously approved:

" The Political Committee of Fretilin met on July 18, 1976 in the areas controlled by Fretilin forces and publicly denounced the Jakarta Government colonialist policy and reaffirmed to continue the war to drive our the Javanese : colonialist aggression and for the consolidation of the national independence and the achievement of total liberty of the people of East Timor. The Political Committee on behalf of the Fretilin also condemns all countries who collaborated in the gamble of the Jakarta colonial fascist government by participating in the faked meeting of May 24 (31?) 1976 in Dili."

Political Committee of Fretilin, July 20,1976

Nicolau Lobato, Vice President of Fretilin and Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government of East Timor.'

2. The following message was received at Darwin Outpost Radio on July 22 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin :

Inter (intense?) fighting is going on in East Timor and Indonesian invading forces are starving. The captured population are daily escaping from the Indonesian concentration camps and have reported that the Indonesian troops are highly demoralised and complaining about the shortage of food.

From yesterday the Indonesian troops are making new attempts to take over the village of QUELICAI. The enemy are advancing with (on ?) four fronts and supported by 5 tanks and two armoured cars . Fretilin guerrillas are resisting strongly and inflicting heavy looses to the enemy.

In MAUBARA on July 20, 1976, Fretilin guerrillas carried out an assault to an enemy position killing 23 Indonesian soldiers,wounded many others and captured some automatic rifles.

The people of East Timor are organised under the Fretilin Central Committee leadership and decided to fight the Indonesian aggression to the final victory .Independence or death. The people of East Timor will win. High Regards,

Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Informationa and National Security.July 22.

3. The following message was received by Darwin Outpost Radio on July 24 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin on July 26 :

The Indonesian war planes and helicopters are violating every day the air space of East Timor, dropping bombs and machine gunning the territory. Indonesian warships are continuously patrolling and bombarding the coastal areas. Indonesian pigs (?),and heavy artillery are daily shelling many settlements ,destroying property, stealing human (women?), children and babies. The captured population are pay(ing) more and more for this was vigilante and massacre (???) by the Indonesian troops . However, the people of East Timor are continuing to fight heroically the invaders in all fronts.

In LETEFOHO , Fretilin guerrillas are punishing severely the enemy rockets and village (???) . And the Ermera , (??) in the last two days Fretilin guerrillas have assaulted one enemy position ,killing 46 Indonesian soldiers, wounding many others and capturing some (automatic weapons ??) .

On July 18m,1976, 18 Indonesian army vehicles and 700 soldiers crossed the border , pushing in front of them the ex-UDT refugees and they are concentrated in MALIANA. The same time, a strange delegation of Indonesian and some Whites have arrived in BALIBO.Meanwhile, the Indonesian soldiers feed all material and dressing in civilian costumes.

2. Telecom messages ...

We publicly announce (denounce?) present government of Jakarta and its collaborators in the shape forth (??) and feated military aggression against the people of East Timor to and intergration of our nation into Indonesia. We appeal to all mations, loverss of peace ,liberty and trauma (???) not to stay independent (??). Independence or death .To resist (is to win). The People of East Timor will win.
Higher regards, July 24,1976.
Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security.

Very hard to hear and plenty of interfernce (Note by Telecom)

4. The following message was received on Darwin Outpost Radio on July 26 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin on July 27

Jakarta and Portuguese Governments in complicity are trying new manouvres in Bangkok to legalise in regognition by Portugal of the integration of the Democratic Republic of East Timor into Indonesia. If (it is a) fact, (it) is in high contradiction and condemned by UN Security Council resolution over East Timor and deeply repudiated by the entire people of East Timor.

Meanwhile, Indonesian government is sending more military units and increasing military operations in the territory. The captured population and war prisoners are submitted to torture , heavy labour and execution.

Completely unable to control the territory, the Indonesian forces are using incendiary bombs to destroy houses and crops. In BAUCAU, during the last week over 450 houses and large quantity of rice crops were destroyed by the Indonesian troops. We call (on) the UN Commission of Human Rights , the UN Security Council and all Human Rights Organisations to take action against Indonesian in the way to stop these vandalistic and barbaric aggression being carried out by Indonesian troops over the people of East Timor . Independence or death. To resist is to win. The fight is still on.

Highest regards, July 26
Alarico George Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security,

5. The following message was received on Darwin Outpost Radio on July 28 and transmitted the same day to CIET by Telecom Darwin :

Independence or death. If Timor's blood is written once again with blood of its heroic sons. Fierce fighting is going on in many parts of the territory against the Indonesian invaders.

In TAPO MOUNTAIN, in the area of BOBONARO , there was fierce fighting between Indonesian forces and Fretilin guerrillas. Fretilin guerrillas defeated the enemy, killing 53 Indonesian soldiers, wounded a very high and captured three bazookas nine automatic rifles and a big quantity of ammunition and other war materials. Six Fretilin guerillas got wounded.

In Bazartete, on July 21, Fretilin guerrillas assaulted one enemy camp,killing 45 Indonesian soldiers,destroyed 20 tents,and rescued 307 captured population. In revenge of their losses, the enemy is systematically torturing and executing the war prisoners.

Once again, we bring you our appeal to the UN Commission for Human Rights and UN Security Council and all nations lovers of peace and progress to stop the Indonesian vandalistic aggression over the people of East Timor . To resist is to win. The victory is certain. Highest regards, July 28
Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security.

6. The following message was received by Darwin Outpost Radio on July 30 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin the same day :

Timor is becoming more and more the scenery (scene ?) of fire,blood and destruction due to the increasing vandalistic military operations of the murderous Indonesian aggression. In all diplomatic and military fronts the Jakarta Government has been defeated,then (so ?) it is setting up more military operations to destroy,control and catch all Fretilin Central Committee members. The people of East Timor are vigilant and are decided to convince Suharto,Malik and other puppets of their defeat and the failure of their shameful,ever biggest military operation code named it Operaci Komodo. On the night of July 27,Fretilin guerrillas killed more (than) 11 Indonesian soldiers and captured many war materials in the area of BOBONARO .In revenge,the enemy used incendiary bombs and burned out 120 houses .On July 26, the enemy attempting to advance over UATOLARI have been

FRETILIN GUERRILLAS WIN MAJOR VICTORIES OVER INVADING FORCES

August 17

Fretilin guerrillas in East Timor in the past three weeks have inflicted some stunning defeats on the Indonesian invading forces, according to news reports on Radio Maubere, the national radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, broadcasting from inside the country, on August 6 and August 11.

According to the August 11 broadcast, Fretilin had regained "complete control" of ZUMALAI, a village on the south-west coast, defeating the invaders with "heavy casualties", after which the "few survivors ran away like monkeys."

First reports of the battle for Zumalai came in a Telecom message on August 3, when the invaders were reported to have burnt down "six great villages and brutally executed hundredsof the local population". In the Telecom message of August 5, Fretilin reported "fierce fighting is going on in Zumalai." The Telecom then incorrectly transmitted that the "enemy is broken into the village". However, the August 6 Radio Maubere includes an English reading of this Telecom message which clearly says the "enemy is blocked in the village and its complete extermination is about." August 11 Radio Maubere reports the village's liberation.

The August 6 Radio Maubere broadcast also makes clear that the town of LALEIA, on the north coast between Baucau and Manatuto, is still in Fretilin hands. The broadcast says that "on July 29 Fretilin guerrillas ambushed and killed 37 Indonesian soldiers. The others ran to the beach and embarked on a waiting ship. A new attempt of the enemy to take the village was met with a new ambush in which 66 Indonesian soldiers were killed. Because of this, they are now attempting to desperately bombard the area of the village."

These broadcasts are now being sent in Portuguese, Tetum and English, removing all doubts on translation. Reception is particularly clear. The broadcasts are taped in Darwin by the Campaign for Independent East Timor and posted to Sydney. Tapes of the broadcasts with these English-language reports are available at the CIET office (see address below).

The Radio Maubere broadcasts also confirm the Telecom messages of August 8 and 11, concerning the failure of an Indonesian attempt to take LEBOS, which is right on the border.

The August 6 Radio Maubere broadcast also says that an Indonesian attempt to take LEOREMA, a mountain village inland from Bazartete on the north coast, was repulsed on July 31, with seven Indonesians killed for the loss of one Fretilin guerrilla.

A summary of the news reports for August 6 Radio Maubere follows:
ATABAE: August 2: Fretilin guerrillas attacked Indonesian camo, killed 4 enemy, destroyed six enemy camps, and the "enemy ran away".

MANATUTO: July 22-29: Fretilin ambushed enemy at BALAK killing ten and wounding three seriously. One Fretilin guerrilla wounded.

LALEIA: July 28 : Fretilin ambushed and killed 37, others ran back to beach and embarked on waiting ship. New attemot to take town , new ambush, 66 killed. Because of this now attempting desperately to bombard area of village.

VENELALE: July 29 : Fretilin guerrillas ambushed a transport truck on the road between Venelale and Baucau, killing 13 Indonesian soldiers, and wounding many others. Truck was completely destroyed.

BOBONARO- TAPO : In the last five days, in several operations, Fretilin guerrillas killed more than 35 Indonesian soldiers.

ZUMALAI: Helicopter shot down on August 1. Registration no. given (See Telecom message August 5).

LEOREMA: July 31: From Bazartete and Tucololi , enemy attempted to take village, but defeated, leaving seven dead. One guerrilla killed.

This is a summary of Radio Maubere August 11 report:

LOLOTOE : August 4 : enemy attempt to advance over Lebos defeated after 24 hours battle. 28 enemy killed and many wounded.

BOBONARO-TAPO : Fretilin guerrillas are severely punishing Indonesian soldiers close to the border who are starving and crossing border to pillage food crops. August 7 to 10: 41 enemy killed, including second lieutenant JAMAK.

ZUMALAI: FALANTIL (East Timorese forces) in complete control. Enemy defeated with heavy losses. Few survivors ran away like monkeys.

VENELALE : Intense fighting from July27 to August 11. 45 Enemy killed and many wounded.

MALIANA: Enemy concentrating captured population in Maliana village to take across border in truck convoy. ALSO on July 17, Fretilin guerrillas patrolling around village outskirts killed five enemy , and on July 20 attacked Indonesian position, killing 17. Enemy replied with heavy bombardment.

LOTEFOHO: July 26 : Operation against enemy: 19 killed and 40 civilian population liberated.

SOIBADA: August 3: Enemy pushed from several points .22 enemy killed, 23 captured population liberated.

LACLUBAR: From July 7 to 30 , over 100 enemy killed and two enemy camps completely destroyed.

SUAI: August 1 to 4 : fierce fighting still going on in LELA and MAKAUTA. 23 enemy killed .

LOROSUAI: (port of Suai) Enemy warships heavily bombarding surrounding area, but no damage reported.

In these two broadcasts, Fretilin guerrillas have claimed to have killed 476 Indonesian soldiers, in addition to the "heavy casualties" suffered by the enemy in ZUMALAI. With the exception of the LACLUBAR figure, these virtually all occurred between July 26 and August 11, and it would not be an exhaustive list of all engagements in that period.

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August 28

TELECOM MESSAGES REPORT
HEAVY INDONESIAN CASUALTIES

The following message was received by Telecom's Darwin Outpost Radio on August 27 and transmitted to CIET in Sydney by Telecom Darwin :

Nothing can stop the victory of the people of East Timor. Suharto is getting convinced of his defeat in East Timor. Fretilin forces --the Falintil -- are inflicting heavy losses to the enemy in all fronts.

In VENILALE , from August 11 to 15, Fretilin forces in action against the enemy have killed 67 Indonesian soldiers and one heroic Fretilin guerrilla died. On August 16m eliminated 15 Indonesian soldiers and wounded a high number of them. And in ESSUSUK on the 18th, 80 Indonesian soldiers have been killed and about 30 were wounded. On the 20th., Fretilin forces made two offensive(s) against the enemy in GUIBUK ,killing 30 Indonesian soldiers and captured four American-made automatic rifles, two large boxes of ammunition and some bazooka grenades. In revenge of their losses, one Indonesian warplane is still intensely bombarding these areas. Independence or death.The victory is certain. Fight still on.

Highest regards, August 27,1976
Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security

Note: Venilale is 40 kms south of Baucau. Essusuk is on the south coast on the road between Betano and Alas. We cannot locate Guibuk.

The following message was received on Darwin Outpost Radio on August 24 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin :

Suharto vandalism in East Timor still on. In spite of being condemned by the UN Security Council resolution, the Non-Aligned Countries Organisation ,by peoples lovers of peace and freedom and progress , the Jakarta colonial fascist government in shameful defiance is continuously ignoring all those governments by increasing its military aggression over the people of East Timor in vain efforts to colonise our country. Maubere people are the sole masters of East Timor. The people of East Timor under the leadership of its unique and legitimate vanguard --the Fretilin Central Committee -- have heroically defeated the anachronous Portuguese colonialists and now firmly united and organised are decided to fight the Javanese colonial expansionism units over East Timor to the last man.

Very intense fighting is going on in East Timor. Today at 00.15 Greenwich Mean Time , Indonesian warships intensely bombarded the coastal areas of Lore. On the last 17th,the National Day of Indonesia, Fretilin forces made a raid to LOSPALOS village, killing eleven Indonesian soldiers wounded a lot and pulled down the Indonesian flag. In UATOLARI from 31st of July to 7th August , Fretilin forces have eliminated 111 Indonesian soldiers and wounded a very high number. In revenge the enemy burnt out all houses in the villages of Uatolari and EDMUMU and now is intensifying tortured and executions of captured populations throughout the territory.

Independence or death. The victory is certain.The struggle continues.

ALARICO JORGE FERNANDES, Minister for Information and National Security.

NOTE: Comments in brackets added by CIET.Text reproduced as sent by Telecom. Uatolari is on the south-east coast, while Lospalos is in the south-east too Lore is the port of Lospalos.

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PRESS RELEASE

TELECOM MESSAGES SPEAK OF
INTENSIVE FIGHTING AND DIVISIONS
IN INDONESIAN REGIME

The following message was received by Darwin Outpost Radio on September 1,1976 and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin on September 2,1976 :

Defeat and desperation of Indonesia. Once again Fretilin is the winner. Suharto and Murdani contradicting each other and Malik confused. Fretilin have the power of the entire people of East Timor, families united and determined however to fight the Indonesian colonial expansionism for consolidation of the national independence and to continue the long wait of the revolution until the total and complete liberation of the people of East Timor. All the manouvres of the Indonesian colonial fascist government to force the integration of our nation into Indonesia is getting more and more ridiculous, and all those who make themselves allies of Indonesia will be the most ridiculous puppets. All this fighting still goes on, in East Timor.
In LOLOTOT (LOLOTOE ?)
On August 29 and 30, Fretilin forces acting against the enemy have killed 73 Indonesian soldiers . In VENILALE , on the 29th of last month , Fretilin forces eliminated ten Indonesian soldiers and wounded many of them, and two Indonesian tanks machine-gunned all the Fretilin forces but causing no casualties.
Independence or death. To resist is to win. Fight still on.
Highest regards, Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security, September 1, 1976.

The following message was received by Darwin Outpost Radio on August 29, and transmitted to CIET by Telecom Darwin on August 30 :

Suharto Vandalism and hypocrisy, running parallel in East Timor. Indonesian warships are still patrolling and intensely shelling areas of the south coast and war planes heavily bombarding indiscriminately many parts of the territory. Indonesian colonial troops are increasing massacres and executions of captured population including children and babies, and burning of villages and properties. In the border area napalm bombs have been used.

Meanwhile along with those vandals and murderers, Indonesian colonialist government is hypocritically appealing to the radio to the people of East Timor to stop fighting and join to the Indonesian colonial forces. The people of East Timor are always vigilant to those manouvres and aware that the enemy have (been) defeated when it tries to dialogue. The snake changes its skin but always remain(s) snake. Fierce fighting still goes on in East Timor. In LACLUBAR, all the 26th this month, the enemy blocked and starving in the village tried to sack sweet corn but Fretilin forces punished them killing ten Indonesian soldiers.
Independence or death .The victory is certain. Fight still on. Highest regards, Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security, 29/8/76

Note: Reproduced as sent by Telecom. Comments in brackets by CIET to aid meaning.